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DERBY WINNER MANDALOUN BACK TO WORK AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, May 15, 2022) – Juddmonte's 2021 Kentucky Derby winner **Mandaloun** is back on the Churchill Downs work tab following his ninth-place finish in February's \$20 million Saudi Cup (Grade I).

"He worked an easy three-eighths last week and we came back (Sunday) with just an easy half-mile (in :49.20)," trainer **Brad Cox** said. "He got delayed coming back to Churchill from Saudi so we just wanted to be easy on him for a little while and get him back going. We'll start to get more serious in the next few weeks."

The now 4-year-old Mandaloun started his 2022 campaign with a gutsy three-quarters of a length victory over the late **Midnight Bourbon** in the \$150,000 Louisiana Stakes (GIII) at Fair Grounds.

No immediate race was confirmed for Mandaloun but one of the local options he is eligible for is the \$750,000 Stephen Foster (GII) on Saturday, July 2. The 1 1/8-mile event for older horses is a "Win and You're In" for the \$6 million Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Keeneland.

Nominations to the Stephen Foster close June 18 but one of the early probables is **Roadrunner Racing**, **Boat Racing**, **Strauss Bros Racing** and **Gainesway Thoroughbreds'** Dubai World Cup (GI) runner-up **Hot Rod Charlie**, according to his trainer **Doug O'Neill**.

LOUISVILLE STAKES PROBABLES – Saturday's featured race from Churchill Downs is the \$200,000 Louisville Stakes (Grade III) for 4-year-olds and up at 1 1/2 miles on the Matt Winn Turf Course. Here are some of the likely entrants, according to Churchill Downs stakes coordinator and assistant racing secretary **Dan Bork**: **Ajounreytofreedom** (trainer Mike Maker); **Another Mystery** (Chris Block); **Bama Breeze** (Rusty Arnold); **Camp Hope** (Kenny McPeck); **Highland Chief** (Graham Motion); **Reigning Spirit** (Al Stall Jr.); **Shamrocket** (Todd Pletcher); and **Temple** (Mike Maker).

Entries for the Louisville will be taken Wednesday.

CHURCHILL DOWNS RACING TO AIR ON FOX SPORTS – Churchill Downs racing will air throughout the Spring Meet on the Fox Sports family of networks as part of "**America's Day at the Races**," which is produced by the New York Racing Association. Racing this week from Churchill Downs will air at the following times:

Sunday: 12:30-5:30 p.m. | Fox Sports 2
Thursday: 3-8:30 p.m. | Fox Sports 2
Friday: 12:30-5:30 p.m. | Fox Sports 2
Saturday: 12:30-6:30 p.m. | Fox Sports 2
Sunday, May 22: 12:30-5:30 p.m. | Fox Sports 2

DOWN THE STRETCH – Racing continued Sunday with a 12:45 p.m. first post. The 20-cent Derby City 6 had a three-day carryover of \$13,000. The sequence spanned races 4-9. There was a \$1 Super Hi 5 carryover of \$7,593 in Race 9. ... Trainer **Eric Reed** reported Kentucky Derby winner **Rich Strike** would van from his home base of **Mercury Equine Center** in Lexington to Churchill Downs early next week. He's likely to work next weekend. Reed noted that Rich Strike would arrive at Belmont Park shortly thereafter for the \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes (GI) and have a work over the Elmont, N.Y. track. ... Best wishes are extended to jockey **Adam Beschizza**, who will marry racing official **Jorie Gorski** on Monday. ... For more information about the Spring Meet, visit www.churchilldowns.com.

ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

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